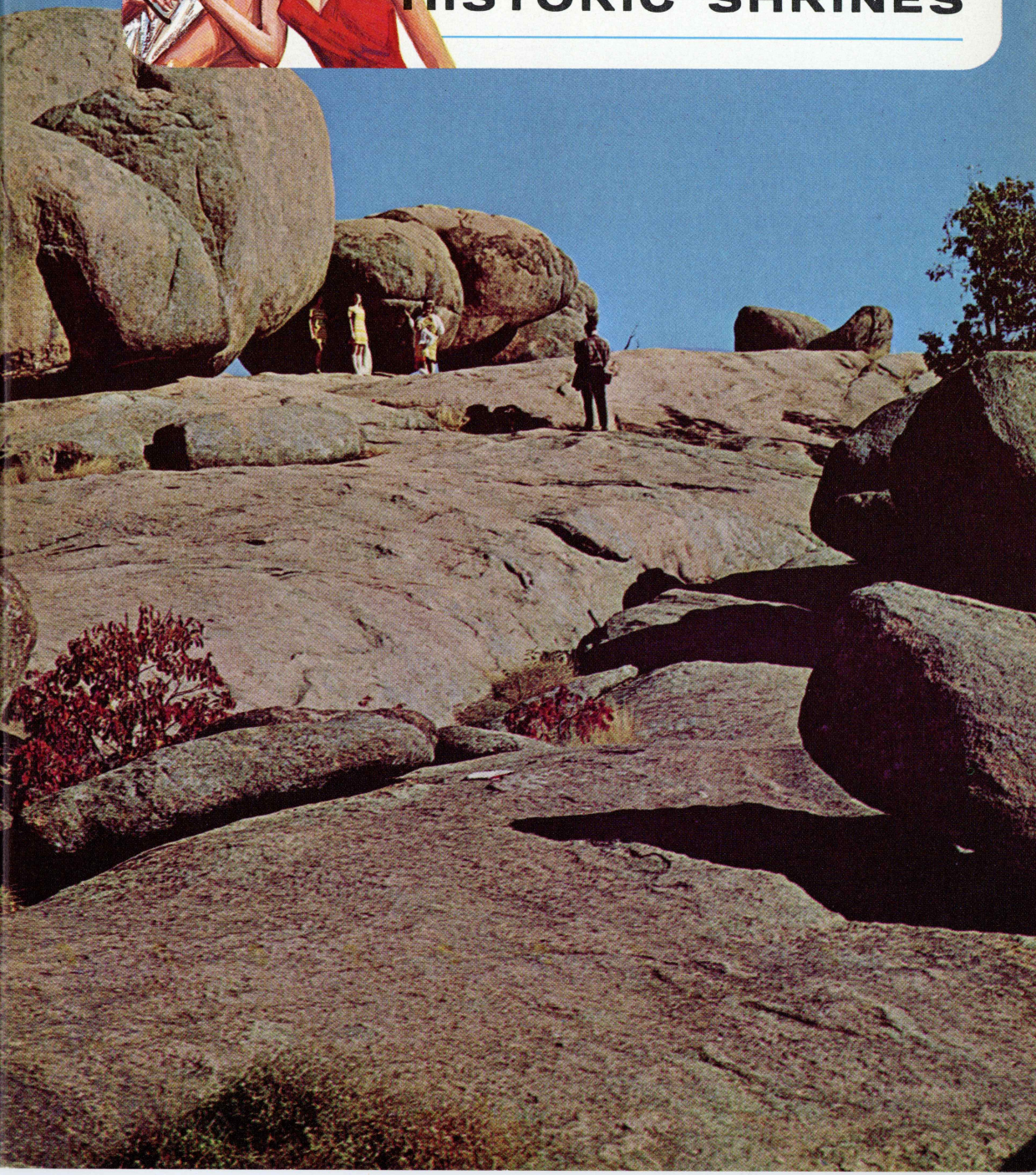




# VISIT MISSOURI

STATE PARKS AND  
HISTORIC SHRINES





**"WELCOME  
TO OUR  
STATE PARKS"**



All Missourians join with me in inviting you and your family to visit our many State Parks and Historic Shrines. You will find them well distributed throughout our great State.

Many beautiful scenic views, large springs, clear cool streams, large man-made lakes, interesting geological formations, and a wide variety of plant and animal life are included with the thousands of acres in our State Parks.

Our Historic Sites and Shrines preserve Missouri's past for your enjoyment and education.

Within the pages of this book, you will find the wide variety of facilities that are available. Use it as a key to help you plan many enjoyable outings in our State Parks.

Meet the friendly people of Missouri; they will impress you with their hospitality, helping to make your visit more enjoyable.

Warren E. Hearnes  
Governor of Missouri



# ABOUT MISSOURI STATE PARKS

The State Parks described in this booklet are the results of planning and development over a number of years.

Endowed by nature with ideal sites that range from the Green Hills in the north to the Ozarks in the south. Missouri State Parks are located to take advantage of nature's finest works and for easy access from any location in the State. Before any of the areas were accepted for a State Park, they had to meet one of the following criteria. They had to have state-wide significance, possess outstanding qualities of landscape, special public recreational values, or historical significance of statewide or national concern.

All these new areas in various stages of development definitely meet the above requirements. They are Rock Bridge Park in Boone County, Elephant Rocks State Park in Iron County, the Hunter-Dawson Home in New Madrid, Towosahgy in Mississippi County, Bollinger Mill in Cape Girardeau County, and Stockton State Park on the new Stockton Lake in Cedar County.

Development of these new parks are in no way retarding the many improvements being made in the older ones now in operation. Campgrounds are being enlarged, two new swimming pools constructed, water and sewage system updated, cabin remodeling, road construction, and numerous other projects that will add to the park visitor's pleasure and enjoyment.

Keep this book for handy reference for all of your visits to Missouri State Parks.

## FACTS PERTAINING TO MISSOURI'S STATE PARKS

Acreage in State Park System ....	80,968	Number of park visitors	
Number of maintained buildings ..	1,208	in 1968 .....	12,596,333
Acres of man-made lakes .....	1,047	Number of people using	
Miles of shore line on		overnight campgrounds	
Lake of the Ozarks .....	89	in 1968 .....	1,028,991
Miles of major streams bordering		The State Flower .....	Hawthorn
or flowing through parks .....	44	The State Bird .....	Bluebird
Miles of maintained park roads ...	175	Approximate blooming date	
Number of organized group camps	16	for Redbud .....	April 15
Group camp capacity .....	2,325	Approximate blooming date	
Number of group camper days		for Dogwood .....	April 25
in the 1968 season .....	148,720	Height of flaming fall review ..	October 15-25



## MISSOURI STATE PARK BOARD

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Front cover — The Elephant Rocks in Iron County are now a State Park.

Back cover — Summer fun at Johnson Shut-ins.



# LOCATIONS, FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES IN

## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

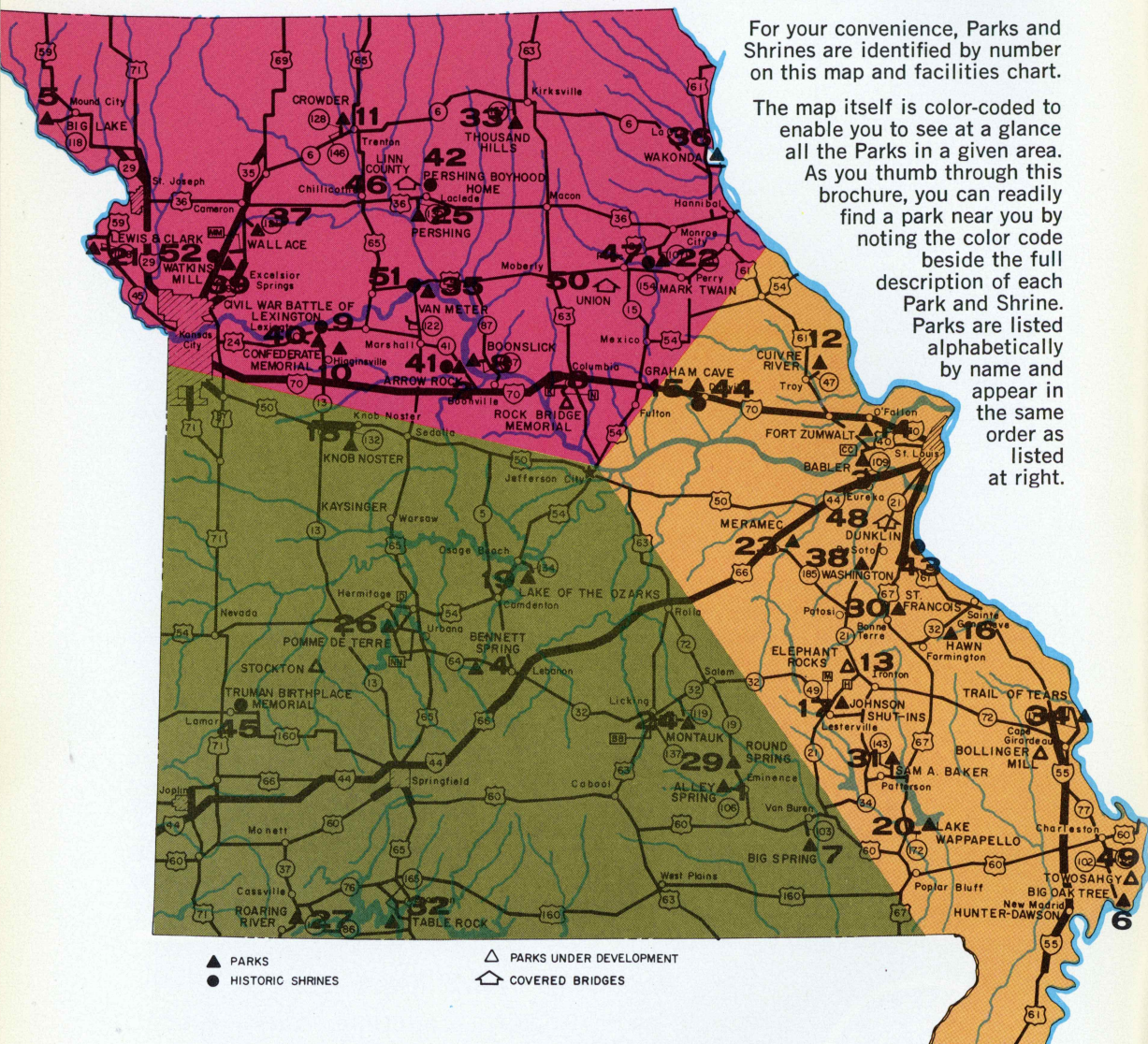
For your convenience, Parks and Shrines are identified by number on this map and facilities chart.

The map itself is color-coded to enable you to see at a glance all the Parks in a given area.

As you thumb through this brochure, you can readily find a park near you by noting the color code

beside the full description of each Park and Shrine.

Parks are listed alphabetically by name and appear in the same order as listed at right.



**"YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN  
MISSOURI'S SCENIC STATE PARKS"**

**ENJOY YOURSELF . . . TAKE THE FAMILY TO  
ONE OF MISSOURI'S MANY STATE PARKS!**



# MISSOURI'S STATE PARKS

NAME AND ADDRESS	Acreage	Streams	Springs	Trout Fishing	Fishing	Swimming	Swimming pool	Boat dock	Boating	Store	Cabins	Nature Trails	Dining Lodge	Saddle Horses	Group Camps	Lake	Tent or Trailer Camping	Electric Hookups	Trailer Dumping Station	Complete Travel Trailer Connections
1. Alley Spring, Alley Spring, Mo.	418																			
2. Arrow Rock, Arrow Rock, Mo.	40																			
3. Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial, Chesterfield, Mo.	2,457																			
4. Bennett Spring, Lebanon, Mo.	780																			
5. Big Lake, Bigelow, Mo.	111																			
6. Big Oak Tree, East Prairie, Mo.	954																			
7. Big Spring, Van Buren, Mo.	5,836																			
8. Boonslick, Boonesboro, Mo.	17																			
9. Civil War Battle of Lexington, Lexington, Mo.	98																			
10. Confederate Memorial, Higginsville, Mo.	95																			
11. Crowder, Trenton, Mo.	640																			
12. Cuivre River, Troy, Mo.	5,914																			
13. Elephant Rock, Granville, Mo.	120																			
14. Fort Zumwalt, O'Fallon, Mo.	48																			
15. Graham Cave, Montgomery City, Mo.	251																			
16. Hawn, New Offenburg, Mo.	2,259																			
17. Johnson Shut-ins, Middle Brook, Mo.	2,478																			
18. Knob Noster, Knob Noster, Mo.	3,610																			
19. Lake of the Ozarks, Kaiser, Mo.	16,459																			
20. Lake Wappapello, Poplar Bluff, Mo.	1,854																			
21. Lewis and Clark, Rushville, Mo.	61																			
22. Mark Twain, Stoutsville, Mo.	1,192																			
23. Meramec, Sullivan, Mo.	7,153																			
24. Montauk, Salem, Mo.	1,096																			
25. Pershing, Laclede, Mo.	1,836																			
26. Pomme de Terre, Pittsburg, Mo.	364																			
27. Roaring River, Cassville, Mo.	3,338																			
*28. Rock Bridge, Columbia, Mo.	1,385																			
29. Round Spring, Round Spring, Mo.	75																			
30. St. Francois, Bonne Terre, Mo.	2,402																			
31. Sam A. Baker, Patterson, Mo.	4,898																			
* Δ Stockton, Stockton, Mo.	1,900	UNDER DEVELOPMENT — NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC																		
32. Table Rock, Branson, Mo.	552																			
33. Thousand Hills, Kirksville, Mo.	3,192																			
34. Trail of Tears, Cape Girardeau, Mo.	3,346																			
35. Van Meter, Miami, Mo.	727																			
36. Wakonda, LaGrange, Mo.	257																			
37. Wallace, Cameron, Mo.	301																			
38. Washington, DeSoto, Mo.	1,101																			
39. Watkins Mill, Lawson, Mo.	1,289																			

\*These parks are under development, but are open with limited facilities.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS ARE POSTED IN ALL STATE PARKS INDICATING THESE VARIOUS FACILITIES AND THEIR LOCATIONS.

**KEEP MISSOURI BEAUTIFUL, DON'T BE A LITTERBUG**



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**ALLEY SPRING STATE PARK** is located in Shannon County, 6 miles west of Eminence on State Highway 106. The outstanding feature in this park is the picturesque spring as it emerges as an underground stream from the base of a tree-covered cliff surging into a blue, clear pool. The spring branch races over the old mill dam and meanders through the 418-acre park to join Jack's Fork, world-famous as a smallmouth bass stream. The campgrounds are located on both sides of the spring branch. Excellent swimming is provided in the clear, cool water of Jack's Fork. The old red mill, built in 1870, is a landmark in the community and stands on the bank of the spring pool. The grinding mechanism has been restored, and corn meal, ground by the old burrs, may be purchased by the public. Foot trails, for hiking and nature study, wind through the park, over the hills and along the stream. Wildlife will be found in abundance. A concession building, housing shower, laundry and modern rest room facilities, is available. Daily housekeeping cabin rates start at \$6.50 for one double bed up to \$16.00 for four double beds.



The old red mill at Alley Spring.

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**ARROW ROCK STATE PARK** is located in Saline County, 13 miles north of Interstate 70 on State Highway 41, 15 miles east of Marshall. This park offers the visitor a wide variety of recreation. Besides the excellent historic town, ideal camping and picnicking facilities are available on the high limestone bluffs overlooking the fertile green valleys of the mighty Missouri River. Modern restrooms with showers, electric hookups and a trailer station are available for tent or trailer camping.

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**DR. EDMUND A. BABLER MEMORIAL STATE PARK** is located 20 miles west of St. Louis on State Highway 109 off St. Louis County CC. This 2,400-acre tract in St. Louis County was a gift to the State from Jacob L. Babler and Henry J. Babler of St. Louis as a memorial to their brother, Dr. Edmund A. Babler, a well-known Missouri physician and surgeon. It was laid out and developed under the supervision of many of America's best park and forestry authorities and is intended as a great playground for the St. Louis area. A new swimming pool has been added to the facilities which are for day use only, such as picnicking and nature hikes conducted by a naturalist in June, July, and August. There is a riding stable and 13 miles of bridle trails in the park.



An open picnic shelter in Babler.



**BENNETT SPRING STATE PARK** is not only one of the oldest but is one of the most popular parks in the system. The outstanding feature of the park is the large volume of clear, cold water from the sixth largest spring in Missouri, with an average daily flow of 71,000,000 gallons. As the spring branch wanders through the picturesque valley to the Niangua River, the clear, cool water furnishes excellent rainbow trout fishing. The stream is stocked daily from the well-operated hatchery within the park. Bennett Spring State Park, consisting of 730 acres, is located in Laclede and Dallas Counties, 12 miles west of Lebanon on State Highway 64. The campgrounds have been enlarged and two comfort stations, complete with showers, automatic clothes washers and dryers, are available. Also, a travel trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal is provided along with a trailer dumping station. Other facilities available are: dining lodge, cabins, store, picnic grounds, nature museum and swimming pool. The daily sleeping cabin rates start as \$6.50 for one double bed. The daily housekeeping cabin rates start at \$8.00 for one double bed.



The cool water of the Spring Branch furnish excellent rainbow trout fishing at Bennett Spring State Park.

**BIG LAKE STATE PARK** is located in Holt County, 11 miles southwest of Mound City on State Highways 118 and 159. This park, consisting of 111 acres which adjoins a 625-acre oxbow lake, is popular among motorboat enthusiasts, canoeists, swimmers, fishermen, picnickers, and of late, iceboating. This partially timbered and level area contains a large picnic area, campgrounds with modern rest rooms and showers, trailer dumping station, store, air-conditioned dining lodge, swimming pool, boat dock and boats, and modern housekeeping cabins with the daily rate starting at \$7.00 for one double bed.

**BIG OAK TREE STATE PARK**, containing 1,007 acres, 80 acres of which are in virgin timber, is located in Mississippi County, 10 miles south of East Prairie on County A to State Highway 102. This botanical garden contains a number of the largest living specimens of big trees in America according to the American Forestry Association, such as:



Green and Pumpkin Ash; Possumhaw Holly; Bur or Mossycup and Mutabilis Oaks; and Swamp Poplar. A 22-acre lake has been constructed to provide fishing. Picnic tables, ovens and a shelter are provided for the day visitors.

Picnic area in  
Big Oak Tree.



**7** **BIG SPRING STATE PARK**, consisting of 5,836 acres, is located in Carter County, 4 miles south of Van Buren on State Highway 103. The outstanding feature of the park is the large volume of clear, cool water gushing from the base of a high limestone bluff. It is considered the largest single outlet spring in the United States with a maximum flow of 1,130,500,000 gallons daily. The facilities in the park are numerous for picnicking, tent and trailer camping, nature trails, nature museum and naturalist, boating, public boat launching ramp, fishing, modern cabins, store and dining lodge. This park is bordered on the east by the clear, swift-flowing waters of the famous Current River. The campers will find a comfort station with showers and coin-operated automatic clothes washer and dryer; a new shelter; and a travel trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal available for their convenience. This park also has a 2,400-by-200-foot turf landing strip. The daily sleeping cabin rates start at \$5.00 for one double bed. The daily housekeeping cabin rates start at \$7.00 for one double bed.



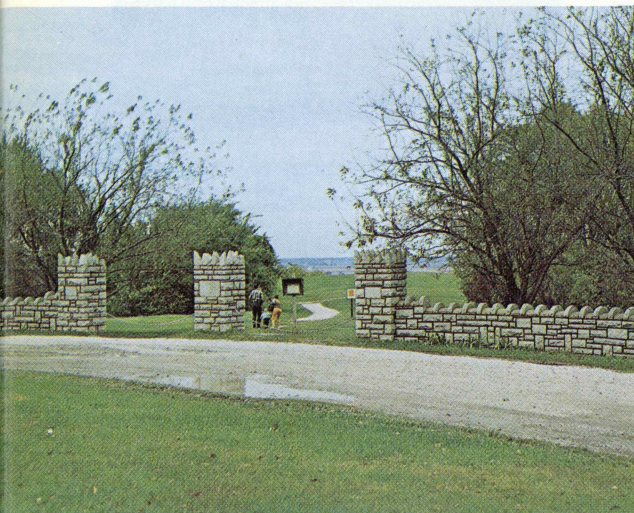
Big Spring, the largest single  
spring in this country.



Boat trips on the Current River  
are available at Big Spring.



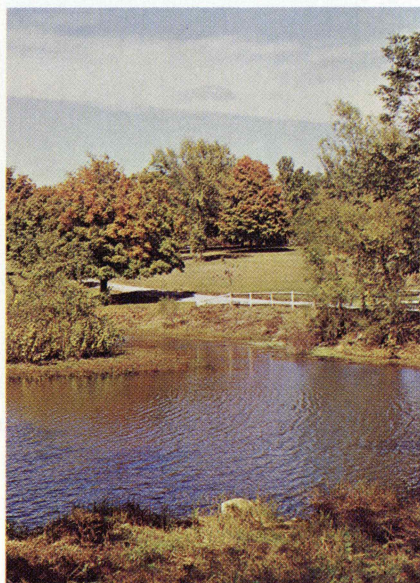
**BOONSLICK STATE PARK** is located on Howard County MM from State Highway 87, 10 miles northwest of Boonville. This state park in Howard County is being preserved as a historic site, one of the earliest centers of white men's activities in the interior of Missouri. Salt was made at Boonslick Spring as early as 1805 by Daniel M. Boone and Nathan Boone, the two sons of Daniel Boone. The salt was boated down the Missouri River to settlements and St. Louis. Facilities are available for picnicking and nature trails.



Entrance gate to where the Civil War Battle of Lexington was fought.

### **CIVIL WAR BATTLE OF LEXINGTON STATE PARK.**

Here is the site of the Battle of Lexington, more popularly known as the "Battle of the Hemp Bales," fought in and around the City of Lexington on September 18, 19 and 20, 1861, between Major General Sterling Price of the Missouri State Guard and Colonel James A. Mulligan, Commander of Federal troops. The engagement ended in a victory for the South. Over a hundred years' weather has not erased the outlines of the trenches. Neither has the plow turned this sod. The park is located in Lexington from U. S. Highway 24 in Lafayette County. The historic Anderson House is in this park.



Small lakes and beautiful trees cover most of the park in Confederate Memorial.

**CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL STATE PARK** is located in Lafayette County, 1 mile north of Higginsville on State Highways 20 and 13. The memorial park area of the Old Confederate Soldier's Home, consisting of 95 acres, is now maintained as a state park. The entire area, which will be preserved along with the cemetery, monuments and other commemorative items, is beautifully landscaped. Picnic tables and ovens are provided for the day users.





**CROWDER STATE PARK** is located in Grundy County, 2 miles west of Trenton on State Highway 6 and north on State Highway 146 to State Highway 128, and is in memorial to General Enoch H. Crowder. This park, consisting of 640 acres of very rugged terrain nestled in the green hills of northern Missouri, is outstanding. A man-made 20-acre lake provides swimming, fishing and boating. Picnicking and camping are popular throughout the season as is the enclosed shelter. Camp Grand River, the organized group camp which has a capacity of 120, is one of the best liked and most modern of the sixteen in the state park system. The campground now has modern rest rooms with showers. Also, electric hookups and trailer dumping station are available for the tent or trailer camper.

Lake in beautiful  
Crowder State Park.



**CUIVRE RIVER STATE PARK** is located in Lincoln County, 5 miles east of Troy on State Highway 47. This heavily wooded park of 5,914 acres is interlaced with over 15 miles of foot trails providing excellent hiking and nature study. Big Sugar and Little Sugar Creeks wind through the area to find their way to Cuivre River, which is the western border of the park. The park contains four organized group camps, Sherwood Forest, Derricotte, Cuivre and Frenchmans Bluff, which are heavily used by public non-profit organizations. The public use area is equipped for picnicking and camping. Lake Lincoln consisting of 80 surface acres of water provides bass, bluegill, and channel cat fishing. Season will open May 1, 1969. No overnight boat tie-ups or motors will be allowed on lake. A bathing beach for swimmers will be open June 1, 1969.

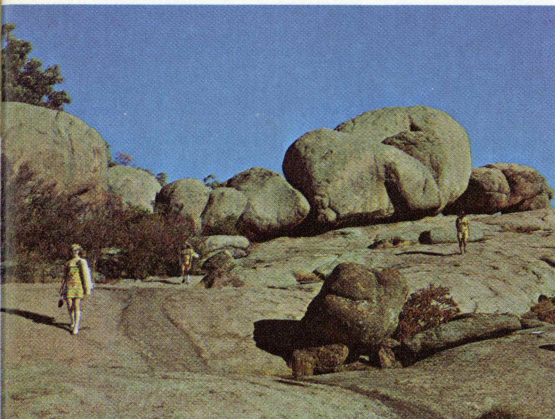


Group campers on the  
archery range in  
Cuivre River.

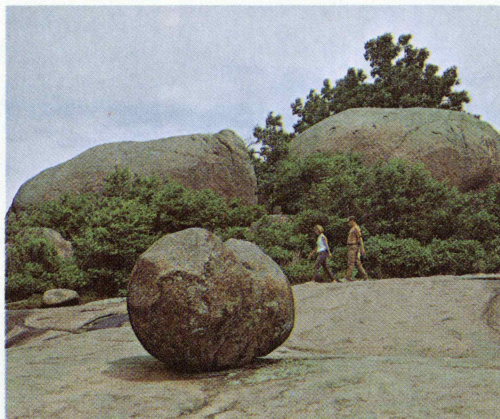
The new Lincoln Lake  
in Cuivre River



**ELEPHANT ROCKS STATE PARK** consists of 132 acres and is located on Highway 21 at the northeast edge of Graniteville in Iron County. This area is now under development, but open to the public for day use only. The park is unique due to the curious geology from which the name is derived. It has been estimated that the largest so called Elephant Rock which is 27 feet tall, 35 feet long, and 17 feet wide weighs about 680 tons. Geologists estimate its age to be approximately 1.2 billion years. It should be noted that the oldest granite quarry in Missouri was open in 1869 near the Elephant Rocks and furnished stone for the piers for Eads Bridge and cobbles for St. Louis streets.



Some of the oldest boulders in Missouri.



Note the resemblance to elephants of the two large boulders.

**FORT ZUMWALT STATE PARK**, containing 48 acres, is located in St. Charles County, 1 mile west of O'Fallon on State Highway 175 from Interstate 70. The remains of the oldest hewn timber cabin north of the Missouri River may be seen here. It is also the site of a fort built in 1798 by Jacob Zumwalt. The U. S. Daughters of 1812 erected a monument at the entrance of the park to commemorate the scene of the first battle of the War of 1812 in Missouri. Camping and picnicking facilities are available. An enclosed shelter is now available by reservations only. This park is closed at 10 p.m. daily. Electric hookups are available for tent or trailer camping.



Autumn color at Graham Cave.

**GRAHAM CAVE STATE PARK** is located in Montgomery County, 2 miles west of Danville on County TT from Interstate 70. The selection of the name of this park was due to the presence of a large sandstone cave named for an early settler, Robert Graham. The preliminary excavations conducted by the Missouri Archaeological Society and the University of Missouri were completed in 1954. Indian occupation of the cave has been placed at 7850 B.C., plus or minus 500, or approximately 10,000 years. This new park has modern rest rooms with showers and a trailer dumping station in the large campground.

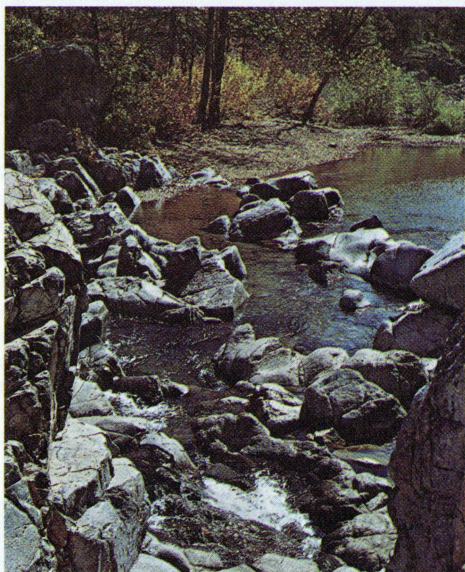


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**HAWN STATE PARK** is located in Ste. Genevieve County, equal distance between Ste. Genevieve and Farmington, on a county road from State Highway 32. Although it is still under development, limited facilities for picnicking and camping are available. Roads are being constructed and nature trails were developed by a group of Neighborhood Youth Corps boys. This 2,259-acre park is noted for its beautiful stand of pine trees and wild azaleas. The park also contains many native Missouri hardwoods such as oak and hickory with a generous understory of dogwood and red bud. Spring-fed Pickle Creek runs through the park and will border one side of the campground.

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**JOHNSON SHUT-INS STATE PARK** is located in the northeast corner of Reynolds County, 8 miles north of Lesterville on County M. The spectacular feature in this very rugged country is the picturesque shut-ins of the east fork of the Black River. Over eons of time, the stream formed a canyon-like defile by cutting a gap through a shelf of the oldest exposed rock in Missouri. This 2,478-acre park will be left in its wilderness state with only facilities provided for picnicking, camping, nature trails and swimming. Modern rest rooms with showers, automatic clothes washer and dryer are now available. Also available is a trailer dumping station and electric hookups.



The picturesque Johnson Shut-ins on the east fork of the Black River.

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**KNOB NOSTER STATE PARK** is located in Johnson County at Knob Noster on U. S. Highway 50. This 3,610-acre tract is heavily wooded, and has many miles of nature trails built for those who enjoy hiking and nature study. The area abounds with deer and other wildlife. The two organized group camps, Shawnee and Bob White, are used by non-profit organizations during the camping season from April 15 to October 15. Several lakes have been built to provide swimming and fishing. Other facilities are: picnic tables, ovens, shelters and campgrounds. The campgrounds have new modern rest rooms with showers, electric hookups for tent or trailer camping, and a dumping station for travel trailers.





Boat launching ramp,  
Lake of the Ozarks.



Tent and trailer camping on the shores of the Lake of the Ozarks.

**LAKE OF THE OZARKS STATE PARK**, located in Camden and Miller Counties near Osage Beach, is the largest in the Missouri State Park System, containing 16,405 acres. It has 89 miles of shore line and about 4,000 acres of water. The park includes most of the Grand Glaize Arm of the lake. Two public swimming and boat launching areas are provided. Public Beach No. 1 is located at the end of State Highway 134, and Public Beach No. 2 is located  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from U. S. Highway 54, 2 miles south of the Grand Glaize Bridge. Other available facilities in the park are abundant, such as: boating; fishing; picnicking; tent and trailer camping; showers; modern rest rooms; coin-operated, automatic laundry equipment; horseback riding; nature trails; and the six organized group camps, Rising Sun, Clover Point, Hawthorn, Pin Oak, Red Bud, and Pa He Tsi. More modern rest rooms with showers and a trailer dumping station have been constructed in the camping area.

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**LAKE WAPPAPELLO STATE PARK** consists of 1,854 acres of an area known as the Allison Peninsula on Lake Wappapello. The area is located in Wayne County approximately 12 miles north of Popular Bluff on U. S. Highway 67 and 9 miles east of State Highway 172. The U. S. Corps of Engineers licensed this land to the Missouri State Park Board for the establishment of a state park. The lake provides excellent crappie, black bass, and jack salmon fishing. Facilities available, other than fishing, are: swimming, boating, and tent and trailer camping. A floating boat dock is near the public use area

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and has available rental boats, motors, and supplies. The modern comfort station has hot and cold showers and coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer. Also, a trailer dumping station is available for travel trailers. Seven completely new furnished housekeeping cabins, air-conditioned and fully carpeted, are now available. The daily rate starts at \$12.00 per day for one bedroom and kitchen; \$16.00 per day for two bedrooms.



One of seven new cabins in Lake Wappapello.

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**LEWIS AND CLARK STATE PARK**, consisting of 61 acres, is 20 miles southwest of St. Joseph on State Highway 45. This park is located in Buchanan County on the southeast shore of Lewis and Clark Lake, which covers approximately 400 acres. Picnic facilities for day use and campgrounds are available for visitors to the park. A large pan and game fish hatchery is located in the park, from which many northern Missouri streams and lakes are stocked. The campgrounds now have a new modern rest room and shower building and electric hookups and trailer dumping station for tent and trailer camping.



Tent and trailer camping  
in Lewis & Clark.

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**MARK TWAIN STATE PARK** is located in Monroe County, almost equal distance from Paris, Perry and Monroe City, on State Highway 107, and is a memorial to Mark Twain. This park consists of 1,192 acres of rough and tumble terrain. On the bluff overlooking the Salt River is hallowed ground, for here was born Samuel L. Clemens who brought literary fame to Missouri. There are camping grounds, picnicking, an enclosed shelter on Buzzard's Roost, Camp Clemens for organized group camping, and a number of nature trails wind their way through the park. Four housekeeping vacation cabins have been





Fall foliage in beautiful Mark Twain.



Buzzards roost overlooking the Salt River.

added to the park's facilities. The daily rates start at \$6.50 for one double bed in the light housekeeping cabins. The day use and camping areas now have modern rest rooms and shower facilities.

**MERAMEC STATE PARK**, consisting of 7,153 acres is located 4 miles east of Sullivan on State Highway 185 in Franklin County. This park is the state's second largest and is one of the most scenic, with the Meramec River cutting through rough, timbered hills; some 20 caves, headed by the big Fisher's Cave, and a dozen or more small springs. Fisher's Cave is the first large cave discovered west of the Mississippi. The park is a game refuge, and deer may be seen frequently. Facilities are provided for fishing, swimming and

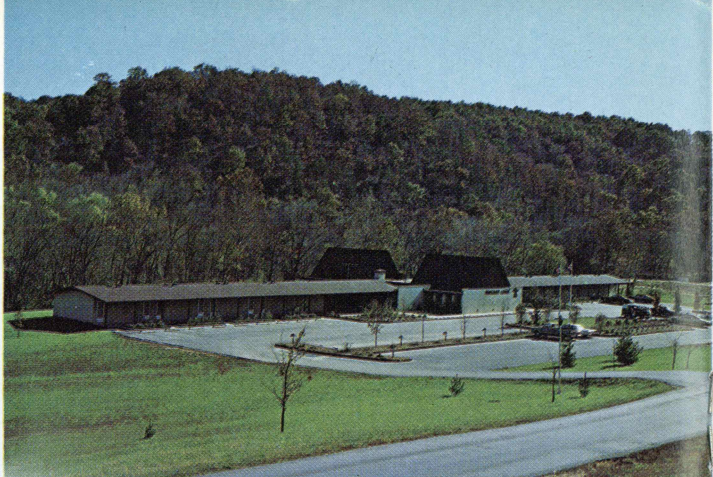
boating on the Meramec River, a dining lodge, nature trails, cabins, picnicking, camping grounds, complete trailer connections and a trailer dumping station. Three new modern comfort stations have been constructed providing hot and cold showers and coin-operated laundry equipment for the convenience of the campers. The nature museum, with new displays, is under the supervision of and serves as the headquarters for the park naturalist during the summer months. The daily housekeeping cabin rates start at \$7.50 for one double bed to \$15.00 for three double beds.



The rustic dining lodge at Meramec.



**MONTAUK STATE PARK**, consisting of 1,096 acres, is located 21 miles southwest of Salem on State Highway 119 in Dent County. The clear, cold waters of Montauk Spring, flowing 40,000,000 gallons daily, emerge from the floor of a broad open valley enclosed by timbered slopes to form the headwaters of the Current River. A large trout hatchery is located near the spring and the stream is kept well stocked with trout. An old grist mill, with all machinery intact, still stands on the bank of the river. In addition to fishing, this park is an ideal spot for nature study. A new campground with modern rest room facilities, showers and coin-operated laundry equipment is now available, as are electric hookups for tent or trailer camping and a trailer dumping station. The picnic area has been enlarged and modern rest rooms constructed. The daily sleeping cabin rates in this park start at \$6.00 for one double bed. The daily housekeeping cabin rates start at \$8.00 for one double bed.



New cabins and dining lodge in Montauk.



Trout fishing in Current River at Montauk.

**PERSHING STATE PARK**, consisting of 1,836 acres, is located 2 miles west of Laclede on U. S. Highway 36 in the woodland and prairie area of Linn County. This park is a memorial to General John J. Pershing, Commanding General for the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I. The General's boyhood home in Laclede has been acquired by the State Park Board for preservation. The statue of the "War Angel" in the park was dedicated to all mothers of America in 1940 by the American War Mothers of Missouri. Excellent picnicking facilities with tables and ovens, camping and nature trails are provided. The campground now has modern rest rooms with showers and coin-operated washer and dryer. A dumping station for travel trailers is now available. Camp Blue Bird is available to non-profit organizations for group camping.



Man-made lake in Pershing.





Sand beach in Pomme de Terre State Park.



The well designed campground in Pomme de Terre.

**POMME DE TERRE STATE PARK** is located in Hickory County, 4 miles north of Pittsburg on State Highway 64. The 364 acres in this park lie between the Pomme de Terre River and the Lindley Creek Arms of the lake. This new reservoir has 7,800 acres of water and over 100 miles of shore line. Available facilities consist of a modern boat dock with rental boats, outboard motors for fishing or skiing, boat launching ramp, swimming, camping and picnicking accommodations. Modern rest rooms with showers and coin-operated, automatic washer and dryer have been added to this new park. Also, a dumping station for travel trailers is available.

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The Pomme de Terre State Park boat dock and launching ramp.

**ROARING RIVER STATE PARK**, consisting of 3,332 acres, is located in Barry County, 7 miles south of Cassville on State Highway 112 in the most beautiful part of the Ozarks, and except for the river valley, is rugged, mountainous and well timbered. The huge spring, which is the beginning of Roaring River, gushes 28,000,000 gallons of clear, cold water daily into the channel of Roaring River. A large trout hatchery is located near the spring, and the river is well stocked with trout at all times. The overnight campgrounds have been enlarged and available are new comfort stations with shower and laundry facilities, electric hookups for tent or trailer camping, and a trailer dumping station.

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Roaring River emerges as a spring from the base of this high bluff.



Trail rides are available in Roaring River.

Camp Smokey is available to non-profit organizations for group camping. Other facilities available are: hotel, dining lodge, cabins, store, picnic grounds, nature trails, swimming pool and riding stable. The daily hotel rates are \$6.50 and \$7.50. The sleeping cabin rates start at \$8.00 for one double bed. The housekeeping cabin rates start at \$9.00 for one double bed.



Trout fishing at Roaring River.

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**ROCK BRIDGE MEMORIAL STATE PARK** has for its main feature many geological formations and the Rock Bridge being the most important. Although the park is under development, picnicking and some overnight camping is available. Clear and Gans Creeks join in the park to form the head waters of the Little Bonne Femme. Along these creeks you will see many native Missouri trees. Playground equipment is available for the youngsters and a ball field is in the picnic area. The park is seven miles south of Columbia and I70 on Boone County 'K' (Providence Road turnoff) to County N.

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**ROUND SPRINGS STATE PARK**, consisting of 75 acres, is located in Shannon County, 12 miles north of Eminence on State Highway 19. The chief attraction of the park is the well-like spring after which it is named. Its average flow is 26,500,000 gallons daily, and it is the only spring in Missouri that has formed its own natural bridge. The spring is without sign of current, and it is usually clear or milky blue in color. Water from the spring emerges in a spring branch, which speeds picturesquely under a footbridge,



through a grove to the Current River about 1,000 feet away. This park is an idyllic spot for campers and picnickers. Facilities available are: fishing, swimming, boating, nature trails, store, campgrounds, picnic grounds with tables and ovens, and playground equipment for the youngsters. The concession building houses modern rest rooms, showers and coin-operated laundry equipment. The concession operator has rental canoes for float and fishing on the Current River.



The blue waters of Round Spring.



The Spring branch at Round Spring.

**ST. FRANCOIS STATE PARK** is located on U. S. Highway 67 in St. Francois County and comprises approximately 2,402 acres, all of which was given to the State of Missouri by

the people of St. Francois County. The park is generally rugged and thickly wooded. It has great potential for development into a state park. Coonville Creek, a small spring-fed stream, roughly parallels the western boundary, and Big River bounds the park on the south. Although it is still under development, the park is open for limited day use and camping.



The bluff at St. Francois overlooks Big River.



**SAM A. BAKER STATE PARK**, consisting of 4,898 acres, is located 3 miles north of Patterson on State Highway 143 in Wayne County, the birthplace of Sam A Baker, former Governor of Missouri. On your first visit to the park, you will be struck by the beauty of nature's own landscaping from the summit of beautiful Mudlick Mountain, the bluffs and shut-ins along Big Creek and the swift, clear waters of the St. Francois River. Wildlife will be found in abundance in the park, and may be seen from numerous nature trails in the area. This park has become a popular family vacation spot, and the park's facilities have been designed for family accommodations. Available facilities are: swimming, a well-equipped kiddies' playground, cabins, dining lodge, nature trails, picnicking, store, campgrounds with modern rest rooms and showers, electric hookups for tent or trailer camping and a trailer dumping station. The coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer are located in the cabin area. The daily sleeping cabin rates start at \$5.00 for one double bed. The daily housekeeping cabin rates start at \$6.50 for one double bed. Also available for trailer campers is a trailer dumping station.



The St. Francois River in Sam A. Baker.

**TABLE ROCK STATE PARK** is located in Stone and Taney Counties, 5 miles west of Branson from State Highway 76 on State Highway 165. This area, consisting of 552 acres on Table Rock Reservoir, is licensed from the U. S. Corps of Engineers. It is situated in the heart of the Shepherd of the Hills country near inspiration point where Harold Bell Wright camped to write his famous novel about the Hills' people. Facilities available are: two boat docks (one for fishing and the other for recreation); a large concrete boat launching ramp; swimming; picnicking; a campground complete with modern comfort stations, hot and cold showers, automatic clothes washer and dryer; and a travel trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal.



Speedboating on the blue waters of Table Rock.



**THOUSAND HILLS STATE PARK**, consisting of 3,152 acres, is located 4 miles west of Kirksville from State Highway 6 in Adair County. This park is located in the beautiful green hills of northern Missouri and has for its principal feature the large man-made 703-acre lake. It has a 17-mile shore line and provides such water sports as motor boating (outboards only — 20 h.p. maximum), water skiing, surfboards, paddleboats, rowboats, swimming and fishing. The lake is stocked with crappie, bluegill, channel cat, black bass and jack salmon. The facilities available are: enclosed shelter, bathhouse and bathing beach, a well-supplied boathouse, boat dock, launching ramp for boats, picnic grounds with tables and ovens, open shelters and playground equipment for the youngsters. The large campground is equipped with modern rest rooms, hot and cold showers and coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer. The travel trailer park has connections for water, electricity and disposal available. Also, a trailer dumping station has been built. Another modern rest room building with showers has been constructed for the campground, and modern rest rooms are now available in the picnic area.

Forest Lake at Thousand Hills.



Five new modern vacation cabins have been added to the park's facilities. The daily sleeping cabin rates are \$9.50 for two double beds. The daily housekeeping cabin rates are \$11.50 for two double beds.



Interior of a vacation cabin in Thousand Hills.

**TRAIL OF TEARS STATE PARK** is located in Cape Girardeau County, 10 miles north of Cape Girardeau on State Highway 177 from County V, and 7 miles southeast off of State Highway 61 at Fruitland on County J, to State Highway 177. This park, consisting of 3,346 acres, was a gift to the State of Missouri by the residents of Cape Girardeau County, the first by any political subdivision. The park contains a portion of the route known as "The Trail of Tears" used by the Cherokee Indians in their forced march from Tennessee to Oklahoma. Among the many who died was Princess Otaiki, whose grave is now marked with a memorial monument. A dense and healthy stand of trees cover the area, which contains many fine specimens of American beech, tulip, winged elm, Spanish Oak and dogwood. Facilities available are: picnicking; nature trails; a campground complete with modern comfort station, hot and cold showers, automatic clothes washer and dryer; and a travel trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal. Also, there is now a dumping station for travel trailers. Modern rest rooms have been provided for the picnic area.



**VAN METER STATE PARK,**

consisting of 727 acres, is located in Saline County, 12 miles northwest of Marshall on State Highway 122 from State Highway 41. This park offers excellent facilities for picnicking and camping, and a playground for kiddies is conveniently located in the main picnic area. The park is made distinctive by a thick growth of walnut trees and other flora. Indian remains date from early man cultures (10,000 B.C.) to the Historic

Missouri Indians. Archaic Indian cultures are in evidence up to Early Woodland Cultures. The Middle Woodland Culture (Hopewell) built the "Old Fort", the only known earthworks of this kind west of the Mississippi. The Missouri Indians, after whom the State is named, lived in the area from early 1600 into the historic era and was at one time the most concentrated Indian occupation in the United States. The site is being used for the University of Missouri's "Summer Field Session in Archaeological Research." A new road has been constructed to Lake Wooldridge to accommodate the picnickers and fishermen. The lake has been stocked with bass, bluegill and channel cat.



Archaeologists at work in Van Meter.

**WAKONDA STATE PARK,**

located 3 miles south of La-Grange on U. S. Highway 61 in Lewis County, consists of 257 acres of land, 75 acres of which are in lakes. These lakes are well stocked with black bass, channel cat, and bluegill. Swimming, camping, and picnicking facilities are available in this new park. Modern restrooms with showers are now available in the campground, and modern restrooms are in the picnic area. Also available is a trailer dumping station. A new bathhouse and confection building has been constructed to accommodate the swimmers. Lifeguards will be on duty at all times when the beach is open.



The swimming beach at Wakonda.



**WALLACE STATE PARK**, consisting of 301 acres, is located 6 miles south of Cameron on State Highway 121 in Clinton County. This park is an excellent example of how a regional recreation area can well serve a community. The enclosed shelter, as well as open shelters, is very popular and is almost in constant use. This well-kept area also furnishes ideal picnicking facilities, excellent equipped playgrounds for the youngsters, fishing in a small lake, camping, an area set aside for boy and girl scouts' overnights, and nature trails have been laid out through the rough parts of the park for hikers and nature students. For campers, new modern rest rooms with showers and coin-operated washer and dryer have been added. Also available is a trailer dumping station.

**WASHINGTON STATE PARK**, consisting of 1,101 acres, is located 12 miles southwest of DeSoto on State Highway 21 in Washington County. Although it is not one of the state's larger parks, it is favored by many for its secluded setting, its excellent picnicking and camping sites, and its fine fishing in Big Spring. A new modern swimming pool has been built for those who prefer to swim. In addition, this park contains a concentration of hundreds of petroglyphs (prehistoric carvings in stone). Thunderbirds and other symbolic figures are interpreted for the public. A kiddies' playground and a parking lot are in front of the dining lodge. A baseball diamond and the picnic area are to the east along the river. To the west, foot trails lead along the river to a cave and to the bluffs overlooking the river. Also, there are cabins, shelter house, campgrounds, and a nature museum provided. In the new camping area, a modern restroom building with showers has been constructed. The daily housekeeping cabin rates are \$6.50 for one double bed and \$10.00 for two double beds.



Big River borders Washington State Park.



Scienic overlook in Washington.

**WATKINS MILL STATE PARK** is located in Clay County,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Excelsior Springs on U. S. Highway 69 and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles west on County MM. At present the park has only picnicking and day-use facilities. Information on other features of the park will be found in the Historic Section of this book.



## THE STATE PARK NATURALIST PROGRAM



Those who visit nine state parks, Babler, Bennett Spring, Big Spring, Lake Ozark, Meramec, Montauk, Roaring River, Table Rock, and Washington State Parks during June, July, and August will have an opportunity to participate in the Missouri State Park Board's Naturalist Program.

The purpose of the Naturalist Program is to interpret to the park visitor the story of their natural surroundings through direct experience. Through this effort it is hoped that the park visitor will acquire a greater understanding and appreciation of the various phases of natural history. He should also acquire an increased appreciation of its beauty, complexity, and a knowledge of man's dependence upon natural resources, and a keener sense of responsibility for their conservation.

Activities included in this program, which are conducted by seasonal naturalists, are guided nature hikes, lectures on nature, and evening programs where interesting and enjoyable motion pictures are presented.

Nature provides the classroom for the park naturalists.

## PRESENT AND FUTURE RECREATION NEEDS ARE BEING MET

Because of the great demand for outdoor recreation, the Missouri State Park Board is continually adding new State Parks and Historical Areas to the system and at the same time, improving the old. Even the casual visitor to our State Parks can easily recognize the expanding facilities being added everywhere, and though he may not know how many new parks have opened, he is certainly aware of the increasing number of visitors every year.

Plans and development are underway on several new areas throughout the State. Stockton State Park is located on the new Stockton Reservoir. This new park is located in Cedar County. This area has been leased from the United States Corps of Engineers.

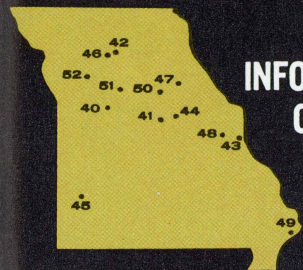
Kaysinger Bluff State Park will be on an area leased from the United States Corps of Engineers. This park will be located on the Kaysinger Reservoir.

The Hunter-Dawson Home in New Madrid is an antebellum home built by William W. Hunter, a Virginian by birth, who came to New Madrid about 1830. Brigadier General John H. Pope used the home as his headquarters during the Civil War. It will be known as the Hunter-Dawson Home State Park.

Bollinger Mill State Park is in Cape Girardeau County and besides the old grist mill, has one of the few remaining covered bridges in the State. The mill was formerly called Burfordville Mill. The original mill was built in 1799 by Mayor George Frederick Bollinger.



# MISSOURI HISTORIC SHRINES and MEMORIALS

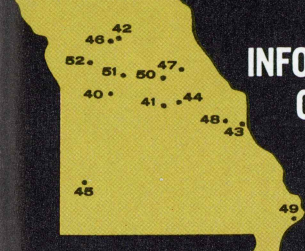


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### SHRINES AND MEMORIALS

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43. Governor Daniel Dunklin Grave, Herculaneum, Mo.																					
44. Graham Cave, Montgomery City, Mo.																					
45. Harry S. Truman Birthplace Memorial Shrine, Lamar, Mo.																					
46. Linn County Covered Bridge, Laclede, Mo.																					
47. Mark Twain Birthplace Memorial Shrine, Florida, Mo.																					
48. Sandy Creek Covered Bridge, Hillsboro, Mo.																					
49. Towosahy State Park, East Prairie, Mo.																					
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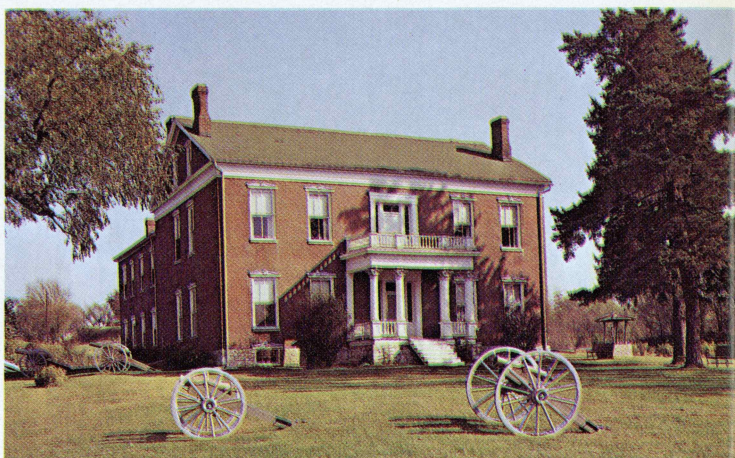
Group rates are available at all historic sites for groups of twenty or more. A twenty percent reduction of admission will be granted if the group schedules their visit in advance, payment for the tour must be made in advance, and one adult must be present for each nine persons under sixteen years of age. For further information, contact the Historian, Missouri State Park Board, P. O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.



**THE ANDERSON HOUSE** which is in the Civil War Battle of Lexington State Park, is an excellent relic of a tragic event in the Nation's history. The Battle of Lexington, popularly known as "The Battle of the Hemp Bales", was fought on this site. During and after the Battle of Lexington, the Anderson House served as a field hospital in which both Confederate and Federal troops were treated. Blood stained floors bear witness to the injured and dead. The two story brick mansion was built by Colonel Oliver Anderson in 1853. Anderson moved to Lexington, Missouri from Lexington, Kentucky in 1851 and became involved in the hemp rope industry. The interior wood work is beautiful walnut. The scars of battle are still visible on the inside and outside walls of the house.



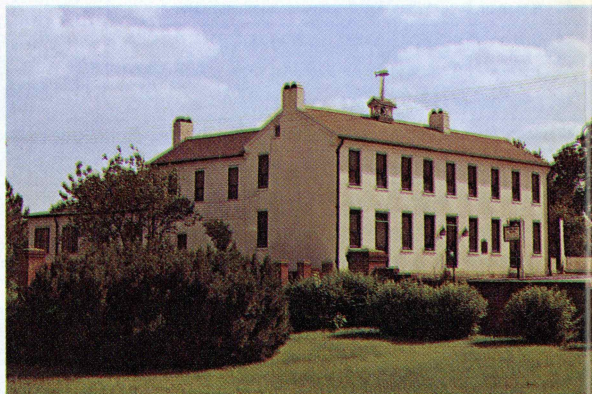
The master bedroom  
in the Anderson House.



The Anderson House was built in 1853.

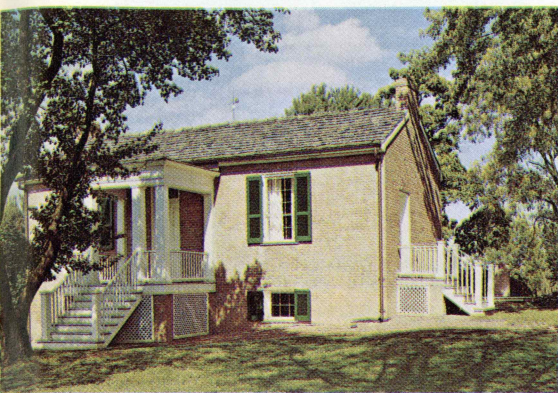
**HISTORIC ARROW ROCK** is an early settlement in Missouri filled with historic atmosphere. Here the Santa Fe Trail crossed the Missouri River in 1821 and began its long trek to the southwest. Arrow Rock is the home of three early governors of the State, M. M. Marmaduke, John S. Marmaduke, and Clairborn F. Jackson. Arrow Rock was also the home of Dr. John Sappington of medical fame and George Caleb Bingham, the frontier artist.

**ARROW ROCK TAVERN**, built by Judge Joseph Huston in 1834 in the federal style of architecture, still offers the fine food for today's traveler. The air conditioned dining area provides comfort in the surroundings of a historic house museum. Museum items of historical significance relating to the Santa Fe Trail, Arrow Rock and Missouri in general are displayed in their proper settings. Period furnishings, including several items of the family of the famous "fever doctor," Dr. John Sappington, are exhibited.



Historic Arrow Rock Tavern.





The restored Dr. Hall House in Arrow Rock.

Missouri's most famous artist  
owned this house.



**THE GEORGE CALEB BINGHAM HOUSE** is furnished with primitive Missouri original furnishings. Bingham, one of Missouri's most famous artists, owned the home from 1837 to 1845. Each room of the three room home is furnished as a period room to appear much as it probably did during Bingham's occupancy. Restored by the Missouri State Park Board in 1965, the home was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1968.

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**OLD SALINE COUNTY COURT HOUSE**, a two room frame building, is the most recent addition to Arrow Rock State Park. The structure which served as a Court House in 1839-1840 was later converted to a residence. Restored in 1960 by the Friends of Arrow Rock, Inc., the structure was donated to the Missouri State Park Board in 1968. Primitive furnishings and walnut woodwork make this site popular among visitors to Arrow Rock.

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**THE DR. MATTHEW WALTON HALL HOUSE** is lavishly restored to the period of 1830-1850. Dr. Hall, an early Arrow Rock physician about whom little is known, after building the house and occupying it for a short while, moved his family into the nearby rural environment for the protection of his children against the evils of city life. The building, consisting of four rooms, was built in the federal style of architecture. Two rooms have been furnished by the Daughters of the American Revolution while the remaining rooms provide facilities for meetings of the D.A.R. chapters.

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**THE OLD SEMINARY** was originally constructed as living quarters for students who attended a boarding school in Arrow Rock during the 1830's. Constructed of logs and covered with weather-boarding the two story structure, built in the federal style of architecture, has one stone and one brick chimney. The building presently serves as a private residence for the Park Superintendent.

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**GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING BOYHOOD**

**HOME.** The boyhood home of the only other man besides George Washington to hold the title of General of the Armies is located 1 mile north of U. S. Highway 36 on State Highway 5 in Laclede, Missouri. The house is one of the few examples of Rural Gothic Architecture west of the Mississippi. Pershing lived here from age 6 (1866) until he left home for college in 1878. He became Commander-in-Chief of the victorious U. S. Expeditionary Forces at the beginning of World War I. A museum in one room of the eleven-room house interprets "Black Jack's" life. The remaining rooms are furnished of the period of Pershing's occupancy.



Boyhood Home of  
General John J. Pershing in Laclede.

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**GOVERNOR DANIEL DUNKLIN'S GRAVE** is located on Dunklin Drive in Herculaneum overlooking the mighty Mississippi. The Missouri State Park Board has repaired and restored the small cemetery containing one acre and is giving perpetual care to the area. Daniel Dunklin was the fifth governor of Missouri 1832-1836. He is the father of Missouri's modern public school system.



Governor Daniel Dunklin's Grave in Herculaneum.

The Missouri State Park Board has placed bronze markers on fourteen governor's graves whose gravestones did not carry the legend that they once served as Governor of Missouri.

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**GRAHAM CAVE,** Montgomery City, Missouri. See listing #15, page 11, for details.

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**PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN BIRTHPLACE**

**HOME.** On May 8, 1884, Harry S. Truman, the only Missourian ever to serve as President, was born in this small house in Lamar, Missouri, which is in southwest Missouri on U. S. Highway 71. The house was purchased by the United Automobile Workers and donated to the State of Missouri as a monument to the 32nd President of the United States. Truman served as President from 1945-1953. Known for his straight forward Missouri manner. President Truman served this nation and the world on the threshold of the Atomic Age.



The Birthplace of Harry S. Truman in Lamar.



## COVERED BRIDGES

The following three covered, wooden bridges have been acquired by the Missouri State Park Board and will be maintained as Historic Sites:

**LINN COUNTY COVERED BRIDGE** is located 3 miles west of Laclede on U. S. Highway 36 and 1 mile north, then east on a gravel road. The bridge was built in 1868. Vehicular traffic is prohibited as the road terminates before reaching the bridge, but visitors are invited to inspect the bridge and its construction.

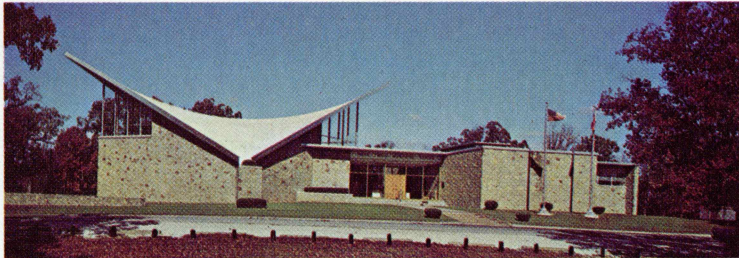
**SANDY CREEK COVERED BRIDGE** is located 5 miles north of Hillsboro on U. S. Highway 21 and 500 feet east on Goldman Road on the old Lemay Ferry Road. Constructed of white pine the bridge is approximately 76 feet in length. The bridge is open to vehicular traffic.



**UNION COVERED BRIDGE** is located 5 miles west of Paris on U. S. Highway 24 then three miles south on Monroe County route C, and ½ mile west on gravel. Built in 1870, it is the remaining survivor of five similar bridges constructed by J.C. Elliotte within Monroe County. The bridge is closed to vehicular traffic, but open for visitors to inspect the construction techniques used.

Restored Union Covered Bridge is located in Monroe County.

Mark Twain  
Birthplace  
Memorial  
Shrine.



**MARK TWAIN BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL SHRINE**, located in Mark Twain State Park, near Paris, on State Highway 107, is a modernistic building of steel, concrete, and native Missouri stone. It strikes a pleasing contrast to the surrounding countryside. Large glass windows cast the glow of Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) beloved outdoors over the enshrined, small two-room cabin in which he was born on November 30, 1835. The building contains a museum containing many of Clemen's personal belongings and other exhibits interpreting his experiences and literary work. Also on display is the original manuscript of Clemen's book, Tom Sawyer. Missouri's most famous literary son, Mark Twain became the world's best loved author and humorist, cheering and comforting a tired world.

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The brilliant fall foliage of the sumac. The white blossom of the hawthorn is the State Flower.

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**TOWOSAHGY STATE PARK** is situated east of East Prairie on U. S. Highway 80, then 2 miles south on Mississippi County AA, 3 miles south on Mississippi County FF, then east one mile on gravel, and south one mile on gravel. This park, consisting of 64 acres, is the site of an old Indian village of the Mississippian Culture, and the name Towosahgy is a more recent Osage Indian word meaning Old Town. A full time archaeologist is stationed at the Park and, with the weather permitting, conducts excavations of the site particularly during the summer months. Material retrieved from the site will be used eventually in the restoration of the Mississippian village to include the temple mounds, Indian houses, and plaza area. Visitors may walk over the site, being careful not to disturb the deposits, and observe the excavations in progress.

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**WITHIN VAN METER STATE PARK** is situated the Lyman Center for Archaeological Research consisting of the Hamilton Field School and a small interpretative center. Self explanatory exhibits provide answers to most visitor questions, but a student archaeologist is on duty during the summer months. The Missouri Indians, after whom the State is named, lived on the site from early 1600 into the historic era and was at one time the most concentrated Indian occupation in the United States. The site is being used for the University of Missouri's "Summer Field Session in Archaeological Research." Visitors are welcome at the "dig" as well as the museum.

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**WATKINS WOOLEN MILL** is located in Clay County,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Excelsior Springs on U. S. Highway 69 and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles west on Clay County MM. The primary attraction in this park is the woolen mill built and equipped by Waltus L. Watkins in 1860. The original machinery and steam engine power plant remain and today it is an excellent example of an industrial plant of the mid-1800's. The mill is located on the grounds of the old Watkins plantation, "Bethany", and several other features — such as the Watkins home, smoke house and family cemetery — add interest to a visit to this early Missouri plantation. To preserve the historic atmosphere, no automobiles are allowed in the Historic Area of the park and access to the buildings is by way of pleasant footpaths through the grounds. As yet, other than picnicking, no recreation facilities have been developed in this park. Guided tours through the old mill are available to the public.



The Watkins Woolen Mill was built in 1860.



# MISSOURI STATE PARK BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS

## I. CAMPING

- (a) Permitted in most State Parks, but only in developed campgrounds or in areas designated by the Park Superintendent.
- (b) Demand a receipt for all camping fee payment.
- (c) Camping is limited to (15) fifteen consecutive days.
- (d) A unit is defined as a tent, travel trailer, truck camper, car, bus, or vehicle used for living or shelter, or a sleeping bag, hammock, or similar device used for sleeping with no other shelter.
- (e) Only one unit per campsite is allowed except as defined in item G.
- (f) Only one family of first degree relationship (i.e., father, mother, son, and/or daughter) or group of unrelated or distant related persons not to exceed ten persons per unit per campsite, except as defined in item G.
- (g) Where "family group sites" are available, two units as defined in items D and F will be allowed with each unit paying the appropriate fee as defined in item H.
- (h) Fees: Regular campsite \$1.50 per day.  
Regular campsite with electrical hookup \$1.75 per day.  
Campsite with water, sewer, and electrical hookup for trailer \$2.00 per day.  
The campground check-out time is 3:00 p.m.
- (i) Fees are charged on the basis of facilities available at the campsite regardless if they are used.
- (j) Horse Camping — See Item VI, Missouri State Park Board Rules and Regulations.

**II. FIREWOOD** in all state parks will be sold at the rate of 25¢ per bundle. Woodlot hours are posted in each park.

## III. DOMESTIC ANIMALS

- (a) Dogs, cats, stock, poultry, or any other domestic animals are not permitted to range within the park at any time. Pets are permitted only when on leash, said leash not to be more than ten (10) feet in length.
- (b) Pets are not permitted in any state park building designed for public use, such as restaurant, cabin, or motel lodge room, etc., or on swimming beaches.

**IV. FIRECRACKERS AND FIREWORKS** are absolutely prohibited at all times.

**V. FIRES** may be built only in ovens, stoves, or rings provided by the State Park Board, and must be extinguished before leaving the area. No campfires will be permitted in the overnight camp areas after 10:00 p.m. Fires may be prohibited entirely by the posting of special signs.

## VI. HORSES

- (a) Horses are permitted only in designated areas and are not permitted in the camping area, picnic area, or other public-use areas. Horses are to have a rider on them or the horse is to be tied in a designated area.

(b) Horseback riding is permitted only in state parks where riding trails have been developed. Horseback riding is prohibited in any other area except in horse camping areas as defined in paragraph C. of this section. Horses are not to be ridden on foot trails or tied to trees.

(c) Horse camping is permitted only in state parks where horse camping sites have been developed and must be contained within areas designated as horse camping sites.

(d) Fee: Charge of \$1.50 per day per unit as defined in Section I, Paragraphs D and F. No charge for horse.

**VII. HUNTING AND FISHING.** No person shall pursue, catch, kill, or take any wildlife in any manner, or in any quantity or at any time or place, except as permitted by the rules and regulations of the Department of Conservation. The possession of a firearm shall be considered prima facie evidence of violation of this regulation.

**VIII. SWIMMING** is permitted only in designated places and only at swimmer's risk. Swimming is also restricted to hours between sunrise and sunset.

**IX. SPEED LIMIT.** 20 miles per hour for any vehicle.

**X. MOTORCYCLES.** No motorcycles, motorbikes, or any other two or three wheeled, motor-powered vehicles shall be permitted in park areas in which signs are posted prohibiting their use. The Director shall in his discretion determine those park areas, if any, in which such vehicles are to be permitted.

These regulations are intended to protect the rights and interests of all park patrons, and should be observed in the spirit of consideration for others.

Any person violating any rule or regulation adopted by the State Park Board or any law while within the confines of any State Park shall be subject to prosecution under the laws of the State of Missouri.

Adopted this 15th day of November, 1968, pursuant to authority granted by Chapter 253, Missouri Revised Statutes, 1959.

## MISSOURI STATE PARK BOARD

Dining lodges and cabins in Bennett Spring, Montauk, and Roaring River State Parks open March 1 and close October 31. The opening date for cabins in other parks is April 15 and closing date is October 31.

One day's deposit is required for all lodging reservations, which must be made by contacting the Concessionaire in the park of your choice. The deposit is refunded if a cancellation is received by the Concessionaire 24 hours in advance of the time specified in the reservation. When occupying cabins for one week, the seventh day is free. All quoted prices apply to the 1969 season.

**Check In — Check Out.** Rooms and cabins are not guaranteed for occupancy before 3:00 p.m. Register at main desk. Check out time is 1:00 p.m.

The sleeping cabins are equipped with towels and linens. The housekeeping cabins are furnished with towels, linens, cooking utensils, and tableware.

**(Reservations are not accepted for tent or trailer camping. The campgrounds are open the year round, but water and related sanitary facilities are not available from October 31 to April 15.)**

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